



Hyer Street Preschool

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RE: Change of use permit for 501 E. Livingston St., Orlando, FL.

We are requesting a "Change of Use" permit for 501 E Livingston Street: formerly known as the Sorosis Women's Club. The current zoning is R-2B/T/HB – One to Five Family Residential.

Hyer Street Academy will be a preschool licensed for a maximum of 130 children ages 3 to 5 years old. The hours of operation will be from 7am to 6pm, Monday through Friday and will employ 20 Staff members. We will serve working families from the surrounding community as well as parents who commute to the Downtown area for work. Unlike other schools – public and private – Preschool does not have an official start and end time to their school day. Traffic for dropping off and picking up the children will be staggered throughout the morning and again in the afternoon as parents' work schedules dictate and will not be a cause for additional traffic congestion. Our current location, located 4 blocks east at 1015 E Livingston Street, is licensed for 105 children and has 11 parking spaces and 1 handicap space. This preschool has been in operation for over 40 years without drop-off or pick-up congestion issues. This additional proposed preschool location will have 47 parking spaces to accommodate parents and staff as well as a driveway which flows through from Livingston Street to Harwood Street, creating the ability of a smooth carline if the necessity arises.

The Downtown area has a dire need for quality Early Childhood programs and with a long-standing program in the community, Wesley Early Learning Center, closing its doors on June 2nd of this year, the immediate need is imperative. This lack of Early Childhood care in the Downtown area is not only putting a tremendous hardship on working families, leaving those and future parents with little to no options for the care of their young children, it is putting a hardship on businesses as without reliable childcare for their employees, the businesses will suffer, affecting the overall economy. All the surrounding early childhood centers are on extensive waiting lists including my current preschool, Hyer Street Preschool. Hyer Street Preschool has been on a waiting list for well over a year making it difficult for growing families in our community to secure local safe care for their young children. There is an urgent need to open this facility as a Preschool which will create the much-needed quality care availability for our community families.

Our plan is to open the proposed school and move our 3–5-year-olds classes from our existing building; located 4 blocks east to the new building; which will then create additional availability in our existing building for families with infants and toddlers in our community.

Thank You,

Michelle Voeller
Owner/Operator